

Paraguay may cut ties with Taiwan

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Asuncion: Paraguay is in the midst of its election campaign. The elections are scheduled on 30th April 2023. The two Presidential candidates are as follows:

Mario Abdo Benítez, Colorado Party, (with a VP candidature of Pedro Alliana), of Colorado party (*ANR-PC*)



and

Efrain Alegre, (with a VP candidature of Soledad Nunez), of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party (*PLRA*) in an alliance of many parties. The alliance is called the Coalition for a new Paraguay (Concertacion) and it is a coalition of political parties, opposed to the ruling party.



PLRA visualizes itself as a party of the left, whereas ANR-PC is Conservative in character.

Today, the ruling party is National Republican Association – Colorado Party (Spanish: *Asociación Nacional Republicana – Partido Colorado*, ANR-PC). It is

the largest political party in the country. The party ruled Paraguay for 61 years before being defeated in 2008. The party regained the presidency in the 2013 elections.

Diplomatic Ties of small democratic countries with Taiwan: Paraguay is one of the only 14 nations that have diplomatic ties with Taiwan and it is the only country of South America to do so.

Efrain Alegre, being a leftist, may like to go closer to China and snap its diplomatic ties with Taiwan. Alegre justified it by saying that Paraguay is an exporter of soy and beef and China is a huge market for the two.

In 1921 Daniel Ortega of the The Sandinista National Liberation Front (*FSLN, named after Augusto César Sandino, who led the Nicaraguan resistance against the US occupation of Nicaragua (1912-1933) in the 1930s*) won the re-election. USA imposed sanctions on Nicaragua. In response, Ortega broke the long-standing diplomatic ties between Nicaragua and Taiwan on December 9, 2021. In September 2019, Solomon Islands, a commonwealth country with King Charles III as its sovereign and Kiribati had broken off relations with Taiwan and established diplomatic ties with China.

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The Speaker of US Congress, groups of MPs from Europe and Canada visit Taiwan to assure Taiwan of their support.

But no one can say the truth that they want Taiwan to remain independent. Only the President of Taiwan says that China has never ruled over this island. But her voice is so weak that no one else can afford to officially speak in support of Taiwan.

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